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## From Lit to STEM, Council Approves 2020 ACE Grants

by Gary Childs

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Imagine first grade students who explore the butterfly life cycle and the mathematical concept of symmetry through a performance of the puppet show, then make their own puppets to put their new learning to use. What if high school literature students could be exposed to diverse authors by reading a retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in New York with Afro-Latina characters? And what if Greenbelt students for whom English is a second language had hands-on resources to help them gain proficiency in English?

Each of these ideas, plus 21 other proposals for projects to enrich and support the education of Greenbelt students, were unanimously approved by council at its January 27 meeting. The city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) evaluated all submitted proposals and recommended 24 of them to council for funding. The total cost is \$12,507.

Enriching the education of

Greenbelt students by funding special projects is something the city has done since 2008. The Fiscal Year 2020 city budget sets aside \$12,500 for the ACE Grants to Educators program. ACE asked for grant proposals for up to \$600 each from the six ACE core schools in Greenbelt: Greenbelt Elementary (GES), Springhill Lake Elementary

(SHLES), Magnolia Elementary (MES), Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Greenbelt Middle (GMS) and Eleanor Roosevelt High.

Councilmembers praised the work of ACE, which was represented at the meeting by ACE member Jon Gardner.

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PHOTO COURTESY SHLES

Springhill Lake Elementary School students plant a garden during the Earth Day Celebration in 2019, with funding from an ACE grant.

## Council Talks Black History, Bond Initiative, Legislation

by Kathleen Gallagher

The January 13 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council opened with the presentation of a proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King Day and the introduction of two new city staff members. Because the proclamation emphasized the service to be performed on that day, it was presented to the city's new environmental coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, who gave an overview of this year's Day of Service events.

Introduction of the soon-to-be new city treasurer, Laura Allen,



PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

At the January 27 meeting, council recognizes and praises the work of City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams, center, who is retiring at the end of January after over 30 years of service to Greenbelt.

followed. Allen officially takes over at the end of the month when longtime City Treasurer Jeff Williams retires. Allen was welcomed by the council and staff, and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Edward Putens expressed their appreciation for Williams' many years of service to the city.

Lois Rosado, co-chair of the Black History Month Committee, introduced other committee members and gave an overview of activities planned for Green-

belt's first month-long black history celebration. She said they are working jointly with the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Museum and Beltway Plaza to provide events. Councilmember Emmett Jordan noted that while Greenbelt has marked Black History Month for years, this year is the city's first month-long organized event. He said he had been hoping for that for some

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PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Greenbelt Elementary students Myleen Muhammad, left, and Cheyenne Nkem work on a mosaic tile project. See story, page 16.

## Greenbelt Park Superintendent Briefs Council on Upgrades

by Matthew Arbach

Matthew Carroll, superintendent of Greenbelt Park, presented an update to the Greenbelt City Council on January 15 on what to expect when the park facilities reopen this year as well as what is occurring with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. There also was a discussion on the ramifications and process of some of the major transportation projects being considered, including the

maglev train, the hyperloop, and the widening of the Beltway.

For the park, Carroll and staff are committed to five priorities: improving visitor experience, instituting sound business practices, fostering a culture of safety in daily operations, ensuring good stewardship of park resources and facilities, and developing a

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## Satellite Lets Greenbelters Examine Distant Worlds

by Amy Hansen

By all accounts, TESS, the planet-hunting satellite, is having a banner year and in doing so is taking work from Greenbelt into distant solar systems. Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite is a NASA mission proposed by Principal Investigator George Ricker and a science team led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Greenbelter Padi Boyd is the NASA project scientist for TESS and chief of the Exoplanets and Stellar Astrophysics Laboratory in the Astrophysics Science Division at Goddard Space Flight Center.

So far this year, scientists working with TESS data have announced a world orbiting two stars.

This first-of-its-kind find was made by high school student Wulf Cockler who had been a summer intern at Goddard. Cock-

ler started working with the TESS data and examining the variations of star brightness. "About three days into my internship, I saw a signal from a system called TOI 1338. At first I thought it was a stellar eclipse, but the timing was wrong. It turned out to be a planet," he said.

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Padi Boyd

### What Goes On

**Monday, February 3  
8 p.m.** Council Worksession re: Beltway Plaza Redevelopment – Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, February 5  
8 p.m.** Council Worksession re: Review of Council's Standing Rules, Community Center

**Sunday, February 9  
2 to 4 p.m.** Greenbelt Black History Month Program, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## Reflections on Loss

Over the past two weeks two phenomenal black men, both 41 years of age, have tragically died. Both men were husbands, fathers and community-focused. Billy Owens Smith gave his last full measure protecting his family. Kobe Bryant was on his way to inspire youth to stay on the straight road to success. Both men were youth coaches.

Billy’s death is a blow to his family, to the Greenbelt community and to the youth he coached. The question is who will step up to take his place with the youngsters he helped to develop and uplift. He served as a model of manhood that we all can be proud of. He even informed Rev. Ray Raysor that even though his initials spelled BOS, his boss was at home. Meaning that he and Kristina were a team, and that her thoughts and ideas had great influence on him. Few men like to admit that in public.

As for Kobe Bryant, after one negative incident, he returned to the church and was a devout Catholic. He became a positive model for his children and many others in and outside of sports. He was a world icon and his foundation worked to provide homes for homeless youth.

Black men like Billy and Kobe are examples for many young men to emulate. They bring joy and substance to the community and to those who are fortunate enough to meet and work with them.

It is hoped that others will step up and work with youth in our community and help to nurture our future generations. Billy and Kobe will be missed and their contributions that enriched the lives of so many will be a lasting legacy.

There is a gofundme project for a Billy Owens Smith me-

morial at [gofundme.com/f/billy-smith-memorial-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/f/billy-smith-memorial-fund).  
*Lois Rosado*

## A Star Human Being

I was fortunate to have met Billy Owens Smith briefly on a couple of occasions, most prominently when he attended our church a few times. His wife, Kristina, was a childhood friend of our daughter Melissa. The family lived in Greenbelt East, further reducing the times our paths crossed.

I, therefore, cannot claim to have known him well, but I was able to glimpse his loving and kind nature even in those brief encounters. His currency was love and understanding. He offered it freely to those who needed it, especially the many children he coached over the years.

His touch in their lives was like the dew that settles on the grass at night, bringing a needed dose of water and nourishment, then gently drying away with the sunlight, only to return another time. Indeed, Billy himself was the embodiment of sunlight. His face was like a bright welcome sign, lit up for all. He recognized not race, nor religion, nor sexuality, nor age nor disability in the people he met. Perhaps belonging to a minority made him familiar with the scourge of exclusion from discrimination.

Greenbelt’s children were helped in uncountable ways by his talent, his teaching, his counseling, his encouragement and his love. He wrapped his family, too, in his comforting ways, protecting them to the sad and tragic end. His body is gone but his spirit remains in them as well as in all who knew him.

How can we repay him for his wonderful volunteer work? As the

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Fri. 3:30 PM  
Sat. 3:30 PM  
Sun. 5:30 PM  
Mon. 3:00 PM  
Wed. 7:45 PM  
Thurs. 3:00 PM

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(R)(104 mins)  
Fri. 5:15 PM  
Sat. 5:15 PM  
Sun. 12:00 PM  
Mon. 5:15 PM  
Tues. 7:45 PM  
Wed. 5:15 PM


DOCUMENTARY SHORTS  
PROGRAM A / B  
(R)(80 mins)  
Fri. 7:45 PM (A)  
Sat. 12:00 PM (A&B double feature)  
Sun. 7:30 PM (A&B double feature)  
Tues. 5:15 PM (B)  
Wed. 3:30 PM (A)  
Thurs. 5:15 PM (B)

ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (R)(CC) (DVS)(2019)(160 mins)  
Fri. 12:00 PM  
Sat. 7:30 PM  
Sun. 2:15 PM (OC)  
Wed. 12:00 PM  
Thurs. 7:30 PM

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THE 39 STEPS (PG)(1935) (87 mins)  
Mon. 1:00 PM - FREE!

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SPIRITED AWAY (PG) (Japanese w/English subtitles)(2001)(125 mins)  
Mon. 8:00 PM

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1917 (R)(CC)(DVS)(2019) (119 mins)  
Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM  
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Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM  
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On Screen

## Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (Auditorium)

Quentin Tarantino’s ninth feature film is a story that takes place in Los Angeles in 1969, at the height of hippie Hollywood. The two lead characters are Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio), former star of a western TV series, and his longtime stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt). Both are struggling to make it in a Hollywood they don’t recognize anymore. But Rick has a very famous next-door neighbor: Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie). Says Keith Phipps of Slate, “A bittersweet, complex, conversation-starting look back at the film business at the close of a tumultuous decade, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood also works as a strong argument for why it’s too soon for Tarantino to pack it in.”  
Rated R. Running time: 160 minutes

## 2020 Oscar-Nominated Short Films (Auditorium)

**Animated Shorts:** Daughter (Czech Republic), Hair Love (USA), Kitbull (USA), Memorable (France), Sister (China, USA). The films deal with heavy topics that may not be suitable for children under 12.  
Rated PG-13. Running time: 83 minutes

**Live Action Shorts:** A Sister (Belgium), Brotherhood (Canada, Tunisia, Qatar, Sweden), Nefta Football Club (France, Tunisia), Saria (USA), The Neighbors’ Window (USA).  
Rated R. Running time: 104 minutes

**Documentary Shorts** (split into programs A and B due to length, rated R, 80 minutes each): (Program A) Life Overtakes Me (Sweden, USA), Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You’re a Girl) (UK). (Program B) In the Absence (South Korea), Walk Run Cha-Cha (USA), St. Louis Superman (USA).

1917 continues in the Pop-up

- Sandy Rodgers



# Community Events

## Greenbelt Unplugged Monthly Activities

This year, Greenbelt Unplugged will sponsor two recurring monthly activities. On the first Friday of every month from 6 to 9:30 p.m., they will continue the First Friday Family Game Night series. All ages are welcome and there is no cost. Bring a game to share if you wish.

In addition, they are adding a new series, Regaining Consciousness, that explores different mindfulness practices. This series meets on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. To find out more information, or to be added to the mailing list, see the website at [greenbeltunplugged.org](http://greenbeltunplugged.org).

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Korean Workshops At Eleanor Roosevelt

The Korean Education Center in D.C. is offering a fifth phase of free Korean workshops at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in temporary classroom 19. Topics will include Korean language and Korean culture such as calligraphy, paper crafts, K-pop, K-dramas and more.

The workshops intend to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Korea and its culture in the community, to encourage educators in their interest in learning Korean, to provide an in-depth understanding of the culture and the language and to play a role as ambassador to bridge the two cultures.

Meetings will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday for 12 weeks: February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 20, 27; and May 4.

The program is now open to anyone over 18 years old. Those interested should email Bob Huh at [bob.huh@pgcps.org](mailto:bob.huh@pgcps.org).

## Kids Get Free Rides on TheBus

Kids Ride Free on TheBus is available to students, ages 5 to 18, all day Monday through Friday, during regular and modified service hours. Students must present proper identification to the bus driver to be eligible to ride free.

In addition, Prince George’s County students enrolled in the Youth@Work Program sponsored through the county’s Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) can ride for free on TheBus by simply flashing their ID badge to the operator before boarding the bus.

For more information, visit [princegeorgescountymd.gov/1121/Fares-Rules](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/1121/Fares-Rules).



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of February 3 are as follows:

- Monday, February 3: baked meatballs with marinara sauce, buttered rotini, Capri vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice
- Tuesday, February 4: Caribbean spiced chicken, confetti rice, cabbage medley, whole-wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, apple juice
- Wednesday, February 5: pork loin with gravy, white beans with arugula, broccoli, whole-wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice
- Thursday, February 6: chicken noodle soup, sliced turkey with Dijon herb sauce, scalloped potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice
- Friday, February 7: 10-grain pollock, corn casserole, Brussels sprouts, whole-wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.



## Kids Stuff Swap At Youth Center

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will sponsor a Kids Stuff Swap scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Contribute extra gently used baby/toddler gear for newborn to 5 year olds. This is the chance to give a little and get a little for free. Items will be accepted on the previous Friday before the swap from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. No stained or overly worn items. All unclaimed pieces will be donated to local families in need.

Those interested in helping sort items on Friday, February 21 and setup and cleanup on Saturday, February 22 may sign up at [bit.ly/kidstuffswap](http://bit.ly/kidstuffswap).

## Recycle Food Scraps At Hot Composting

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Additional trainings will occur on March 7 and April 4 at the same time and place.

To participate and sign up for training, apply online at this address: [bit.ly/GBComposting](http://bit.ly/GBComposting). Questions can be sent to [GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com).

## MowattTo Hold Chili Cook-off

Get ready for the Mowatt MUMC Second Annual Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday, February 15 at 4 p.m. As any Texas cook will say, a chili contest is serious business. One doesn’t just grab a bunch of people, tell them to cook up a batch of chili and call it a cook-off. There are rules. Bring toppings, spices, sauce and an extension cord. The chili must be homemade. It must be heated to 170 degrees and kept warm. All types of chili are welcome: spicy, traditional, white, vegan.

Registration is limited. The registration form is on page 13. Fill it out, send it in with the fee and join the fun. Cash prizes will be awarded. The deadline for registration is February 5. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt. For further details, call the office at 301-474-9410 and leave a message.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Make 3-D Shadow Box At Free Workshop

Make something truly special for Valentine’s Day this year. Join Rachel Cross, artist-in-residence and acclaimed assemblage artist, on January 31 and February 7 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Over the course of two Friday evenings, participants will create an intriguing 3-D shadow box assemblage. The instructor will offer guidance in composition, use of materials, how to choose colors to make images “pop” and technical construction of the art pieces. Participants may bring copies of small photos, greeting cards, fabric, old letters, broken jewelry and other small objects. Shadow box frames, paint, adhesives, balsa wood, specialty papers, images to collage, fabrics, scissors, drawing and painting implements and a variety of small objects will be provided. Advance registration and fees required. Visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

## MakerSpace to Hold Repair Café February 8

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is hosting its quarterly Repair Café on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 114. Come learn how to repair tired or broken stuff or help repair others’ items, and rescue them from the recycling or garbage bins. Bring clothing, furniture, kitchen appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again.

Volunteers are welcome to join in making this a great community event; no experience necessary. The MakerSpace Repair Café program, the first in the Mid-Atlantic region, started in 2014 and was made possible by a Jim Cassels Award from the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op and by an eager supporting group of volunteers. Read more at [make125.org/things\\_to\\_do/repair-cafe](http://make125.org/things_to_do/repair-cafe).

Sign up as a volunteer at [signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aaaf29a2fe3-repair3](http://signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aaaf29a2fe3-repair3).

## GIVES and AARP Offer Tax Help

AARP free tax preparation will be available at the Greenbelt Firehouse on Wednesdays and Thursdays from February 5 until April 15.

Make an appointment by calling the GIVES (Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service) office at 301-507-6580 and leaving a message. Someone will call back. Appointments can also be made at the GIVES office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Once the schedule is filled, a waiting list will be started.

## February Art Share

Local artists are invited to meet up on Sunday, February 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This free event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone’s work. All experience levels welcome.

## Parents’ Night Out: Snowy Day

Greenbelt Recreation Arts hosts a childcare art activity on the second Friday of every month. The February Parents’ Night Out just happens to fall on Valentine’s Day. Drop off the kids at the Community Center and enjoy a relaxing night out. The children will enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie. Children can be dropped off for all or part of the time. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

The Friday, February 14 event runs 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 4 (must be potty trained) to 12. Advance registration and fees required. Sibling discount: additional members of the same household receive a discount. Visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) for more information.



GATe Program Schedule Friday Dec 31 - Thursday Feb 6		
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Independent Global News
9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ <small>Drama/Mystery • 1949</small>	• The Third Man • Joseph Cotten • Orson Welles <small>Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Andrew Zmizinski ★</small>
11 am	Greenbelt Discussions	• Local Topics & Guests
12 pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
1 pm	Strata	• Cultural Heritage & Archeology
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# Obituaries

## Billy Owens Smith, Jr.



Billy Smith

Billy Owens Smith, Jr., son of Billy Owens, Sr., and Terry Smith, was born on March 23, 1978, in Salisbury, Md., and died on Friday, January 17, 2020.

In his early years, Billy attended Tyree AME Church in Berlin, Md. He was baptized when he was 9 years old, and at the age of 13, he gave his life to Christ under the leadership of Reverend Robert N. Brown, Jr. His sense of service began at an early age. Billy was a role model for youth in the church and the community. He was a leader for the Junior Usher Board and was always willing to serve in any capacity. Billy was the first student to receive the BOS (Billy Owens Smith) Scholarship, which was established by Tyree AME Church in his name.

Billy attended public schools in Worcester County, and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1996. In high school, he played on the varsity football and basketball teams and participated in the peer support program. Billy's personality and popularity enabled him to reign as the homecoming king and prom king during the 1995-1996 school year. At his high school graduation, Billy received the

Minds in Motion Scholar-Athlete, Citizenship and Service, Future Business Leaders of America, and Quota Club Awards. To further his education, Billy received the Calvin B. Taylor Memorial and Greater Berlin Minority Scholarships. He graduated from Salisbury State University's Perdue School of Business in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration/management. While at Salisbury State, Billy developed a special bond with Kristina, Cameron, Raquel, Tasha and Kevin, and they affectionally called themselves The Salisbury Six.

Billy was a dedicated employee. He excelled in a variety of jobs ranging from sales, retail and business management. His degree and experiences led him to a position that he genuinely enjoyed with Alion LLC in Linthicum Heights, Md.

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## Celebration of Life: Billy Owens Smith

A celebration of the life of Billy Owens Smith, Jr., is set for Saturday, February 1 at the Evangel Cathedral, 13901 Central Ave., Upper Marlboro. There is a visitation planned from 10 to 11 a.m. with the service at 11 a.m. The graveside service at George Washington Cemetery will follow. The Smith family has also planned a gathering and repast at 4 p.m. on Saturday at Greenbelt Middle School.

A second celebration is planned for February 8 at the First Baptist Church, 528 Booth Street, Salisbury, Md. The plan is to have an 11:30 a.m. visitation with a service at noon.

## Memorial Service for Joseph Sucher: Sunday, March 15



Joe Sucher

A memorial service will be held for Joseph "Joe" Sucher, professor emeritus of physics, Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Physical Sciences Complex, 4296 Stadium Drive, College Park. Sucher died on October 18, 2019, at the age of 89. He joined the physics faculty at the University of Maryland in 1957, after earning his Ph.D. from Columbia University with a dissertation on the quantum electrodynamics of the helium atom. Joe is best known for work on the relativistic theory of many-electron atoms, the quantum theory of long-range forces, the foundations of relativistic quantum theory, the Gellman-Low-Sucher level-shift formula, the no-pair Hamiltonian for many-electron atoms, the Levy-Sucher identity, the Dirac-Sucher equation and the Feinberg-Sucher formula for the long-range force between neutral atoms. He was a devoted educator and was named a UMD Distinguished Scholar-Teacher in 1989.

Two years ago, he established the Joseph and Dorothy Sucher Graduate Endowed Prize in Physics to remember Dorothy, his wife of 58 years. She was a psychotherapist and a writer for the Greenbelt News Review whose journalism work led to a libel suit and ultimately resulted in a landmark Supreme Court decision upholding freedom of the press. Her last writing project took her to Russia and Belarus shortly after the fall of the Soviet Union, as she tried to piece together the history of her grandparents before they emigrated to the

U.S. After her death, Joe and his son Anatol completed the work, Return to the Shtetl. In recent years he also provided funds for student interns at both the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt News Review.

A native of Vienna, Joe was forced with his family to flee Hitler's Nazism. He escaped from Austria in 1938, and after a harrowing trek through Germany, Luxembourg, France, Spain and Portugal, arrived in the United States at age 10. He described the odyssey in a 2014 oral history interview with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Joe was well known in the Department of Physics for his great wit, his unfailing charm and his memorable lyrics; he often graced departmental gatherings

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We were sorry to hear about the death of Greenbelt pioneer Esther Wolfe Stepahin, 87, of Fredericksburg, Va., on January 19. She grew up in Greenbelt and was a 1950 graduate of Greenbelt High School. Besides her four children and their families, her sisters Dolores Clift and Grace Miller survive her. She was predeceased by her husband George Stepahin, her brother James Donald "Donnie" Wolfe and sister Ruth Hebb.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Ruleman Herbert, 92, who died January 15 in Sedona, Ariz. Mrs. Herbert grew up in Berwyn and graduated in 1946 from Greenbelt High School. She was the widow of the late barber James "Sonny" Herbert, who grew up in Greenbelt.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)  
301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Chili Cookoff registration deadline February 5

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

February 2 10 a.m.

"Worshipping in the Temple of the Body"

Guest Speaker Beth Charbonneau, with Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter

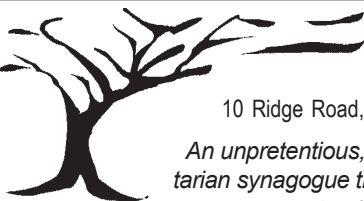
An exploration of the sacred relationship with our own bodies and the spiritual implications when we are not in right relationship with them.

## Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road,  
Hyattsville, MD

"...Fear not; I will  
help thee." Is. 41

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.



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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

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Whatever you do in word or deed,  
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Colossians 3:17



**Sunday Worship Services**  
10am @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
**MCFcc.org**

Greenbelt Community Church




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301-474-4322



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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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301-474-4212  
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**At the Library**

Greenbelt Library hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

**Teen Board**

Monday, February 3, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18 (Teen), limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the Library a great place for teens. Meet new people, become a leader. Registration required. For further information, contact the Library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800 option 2. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

**English Club**

Tuesday, February 4, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

**African History**

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m. Hidden Heroes: African Americans, NASA and The Quest for the Final Frontier will be the first session of the Spring 2020 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on various Tuesday evenings through April 7. No registration required.

**Weekly Storytimes**

Tuesday, February 4, Ready 2 Read, ages 3 to 5, 7:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Wednesday, February 5, Ready 2 Read, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people.

Thursday, February 6, Ready 2 Read, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s).

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the Library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance registration available.

**Kids Club**

Thursday, February 6, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the branch to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.



**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

**MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 3-7**

Monday, February 3 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Beltway Plaza Redevelopment – Preliminary Plan of Subdivision** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. For more information about the proposed Beltway Plaza redevelopment please visit: <https://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/beltway-plaza> *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)*

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Review of price quote for PSAC member polos, Review of letter to council, and Continued review and discussion of city security cameras*

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Topics will include: Roosevelt Center lighting; community arts mixer planning; coordinated event scheduling; and the election of a member representative to the Grant Review Panel.*

Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update*

Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Review of Council's Standing Rules** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov).* Immediately following Work Session will be a closed session. See notice below.

Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, call 301-474-8000.*

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, in the Planning Office of the Community Center, immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 pm Review of Council's Standing Rules Work Session to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) Pending personnel matters; 2) To consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

*\*The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, immediately following the conclusion of the Review of Council's Standing Rules Work Session.*  
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

**FREE Caregiver Educational Lecture Series**  
**When and Why Should I File for Medicaid**  
**Tuesday, February 4 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**

Joshua Winger, Byrd & Byrd, LLC Due to the ever-increasing cost of Long-Term Care, Medicaid's long term care benefit has now become "long term care insurance" for the middle class. A knowledgeable Byrd & Byrd attorney will explain basic guidelines and requirements of the Medicaid process and why it's important to plan now.

To register please call Katherine Farzin, (240) 542-2019



**FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

Thursday, February 6 at 1:30pm  
Springhill Lake Elementary School  
6060 Springhill Lane

ADMISSION IS FREE! NO RSVP NEEDED.  
The City of Greenbelt's Greenbelt Assistance in Living program partners with the Capital Area Food Bank to provide FREE PRODUCE to local families.  
Please bring your own bags and rolling carts.  
QUESTIONS? Call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee. **For more information call 301- 474-8000**

GREENBELT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS....

## WINTER INDOOR-POOL SOCIAL

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2020  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

Please RSVP



Food & Fun to Follow Meeting  
Please Remember to Bring Your Own Bathing Suit & Towel



## YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

achieve our goal, please provide us an indication of your satisfaction level by completing a survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAFC2020>

### GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER SURVEY

Now through February 6, 2020. The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is committed to improving the services provided to our customers. We sincerely value your opinion. In order to help us better serve you and

Mark your calendars for the...



### GREENBELT BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2pm to 4pm.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

Featuring: Chris Haley, Keynote presenter; Belly Dancers of Color Collective; Sistah Joy, Prince Georges's County Poet Laureate; S.I.T.Y. Stars, Internationally Recognized Jump rope team; Kids in the Dream local Youth Band, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gospel Choir.

Chris Haley is: Director, Study of the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland at the Maryland State Archives. (Former Greenbelt resident).



The Belly Dancers of Color Collective was formed in 2015. They blend the traditional belly dance form with African and Caribbean dance styles. It is a moving meditation and a healing salve for the soul.

J. Joy "Sistah Joy" Matthews Alford was appointed as the inaugural Poet Laureate of Prince George's County, Maryland in September, 2018 to serve a 3-year term supporting and promoting poetry as well as cultural and literary arts in Prince George's County.



Founded in 1991, the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars Jump Rope Team consists of champion jumpers from 5 to 50 years of age, and it committed to the promotion of jump rope as a fitness tool for the development of healthy lifestyles.

Sponsored by: Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Black History Month Committee, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness, Greenbelt Museum, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Beltway Plaza, CHEARS, and The Space-Free Art for All.

FOR A FULL LISTING OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS VISIT  
[www.greenbeltnmd.gov/Home/Components/News/News/86/16](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/Home/Components/News/News/86/16)



**Don't miss out!**

Spring and summer Camp registration begins on Monday, February 3 for Greenbelt Residents and on Tuesday, February 18 for Non-Residents. Download the Spring and Summer Camp brochure at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/camps](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/camps)



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## SMITH

While at Salisbury State University, Billy met his “Babe For Life,” Kristina. Through this union, they were blessed with three beautiful children, Kadin, Sameera and Layla. Billy was an incredibly proud father and had great pride regarding their academic and athletic accomplishments.

He loved and was very protective of his only brother, Dorran. Billy adored his father- and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zugby. He was amazed by his 99-year-old maternal grandfather, William “Cigar” Sadberry. Billy absolutely loved and adored his family.

Coach Billy began his service to the community by coaching his son Kadin’s flag football team. He went on to coach several sports for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, including football, basketball and baseball. Billy was excited about being a member of the Doric Lodge #19, F&AM P.H.A, Washington, D.C., and loved participating in their many community outreach events.

Billy leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 17 years, Kristina; his three heartbeats, Kadin, Sameera and Layla; his loving parents, Billy and Terry Smith Sr.; his brother Dorran Smith; his grandfather William Sadberry; his father- and mother-in-law Robert and Cecilia “Dea” Zugby; his great-aunt Bertha

Purnell; and his great-uncle, Daniel Showell. He will be fondly remembered by his aunts: Jan-nie Brown, Bonnie Kelly, Sheila (Wallace) Moore, Sandra (Ernie) Norwood, Joanne Cannon, Brenda Jarmon, Dianne Purnell, Mary Ellen Handy, Gloria (Paul) Pugh, Annette Handy, Alice Smith. His uncles: Robert (Dorothy) Smith, Rudolph Jackson, Apostle William (Vadie) Jackson, Wil-liam (Patricia) Sadberry, Lester Sadberry, Marshall (Lorene) Evans, Kenneth Evans, Reynolds Showell and uncle-in-law Donald (Cathy) Zugby. He had a special bond with all of his godchildren, cousins and many friends, especially Nathan Marshall and Barry Brittingham.

Billy was preceded in death by his grandmothers June Jack-son, Dorothy Jarmon, Mary Sad-berry and Madeline Handy, his grandfather, Edward Handy, and his special aunts, Betty Sessoms, Barbara DeLancy, and Peggy Showell.

Known by many names, Dad, Billy, Little Billy, Coach Billy, Bill, proved that one great per-son can touch more hearts than we’ll ever know. He will forever be remembered as a great son and brother, a wonderful father and husband, an awesome coach, mentor and friend. Our constant comedian was the life of the party. He never met a stranger, and you didn’t feel like one in his presence.

Our lives are all a little brighter, and our hearts a little

fuller having known him.  
“A true hero isn’t measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart.” – Anonymous

– The Smith family

## SUCHER

with impressive poems, such as one he wrote on the 50th anni-versary of the tradition of Phys-ics Tea.

To RSVP for the memorial, visit [go.umd.edu/sucher](http://go.umd.edu/sucher). Free parking is available on the week-ends in Regents Drive Garage in Lot B. Directions to Regents Drive Garage are available online or by calling the number below. If you have any questions, con-tact Megan Carnell at [mcarnell@umd.edu](mailto:mcarnell@umd.edu) or 301-405-0205.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joseph and Doro-thy Sucher Graduate Endowed Prize in Physics.

### Obituaries

The News Review pub-lishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.  
You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and orga-nizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

## Greenbelt Camp Fire Views Movie, Troop Zero



PHOTO BY ROSEMARY PEZZUTO

Camp Fire of Greenbelt organizes a free trip to see the new movie Troop Zero on January 17. Katherine and John McEl-henny and their three children participate by traveling to Wheaton for the show. The movie is set in rural 1977 Georgia, and follows a girl who dreams of life in outer space and forms a Birdie Scout troop to work toward it.

Do you think this ad would bring in \$30 worth of business?

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GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136 RESTAURANT						
6900 GREENBELT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770						
February’s Monthly Specials						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
While you are here enjoying a lunch or dinner, look into how you too could join the Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary Unit #136. By joining you can participate in many different events and activities at the Post throughout the year. Visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.greenbeltmdpost136.org">http://www.greenbeltmdpost136.org</a>			<b>St. Valentine’s Day Dinner in Restaurant</b> <b>4:00 - 8:00PM</b> “Surf & Turf” <b>Filet Mignon &amp; Jumbo Lump Crab Cake</b>			1  Steak ‘n’ Shrimp
2 Commander’s Café  Broiled Fresh Salmon Or Lasagna	<b>SHRIMP FEAST</b>  Friday, February 21, 2020 6:00 - 9:00 PM  All you care to eat on Premises: Get your tickets on Tuesday nights! \$25.00 per person (In Advance) \$30.00 per person (At the Door) Sponsored by: Greenbelt Unit #136 American Legion Auxiliary		5 Lunch: Beef Taco Salad  Dinner: Steamed Shrimp	6 Lunch: French Dip  Fried Chicken Nite	7 Lunch: Fried Soft Shell Crab Sandwich  Dinner: Beer Battered Haddock	8  Prime Rib
9 Commander’s Café  Rockfish Or Petite New York Strip Steak	<b>Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Restaurant</b> <b>10% OFF</b> Saturday Night Meals Does <b>NOT</b> include alcoholic beverages. Offer only valid with coupon.		12 Lunch: Reuben Sandwich  Dinner: Meatloaf Platter	13 Lunch: San Antonio Taco Salad  Rib Nite	14 Lunch: Fried Scallops  Dinner: Filet Mignon & Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	15  Panko Crusted Orange Roughy
16 Commander’s Café  Salmon Cake Or Fried Chicken			19 Lunch: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich  Dinner: Lasagna	20 Lunch: Meatball Sub  Steak Nite	21 Lunch: Flounder Florentine  Dinner: Broiled Fresh Salmon	22  Chicken Chesapeake
23 Commander’s Café  Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Or Country Fried Steak	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b> Saturday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Breakfast) Sunday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Dinner) Monday & Tuesday: Closed Wednesday & Thursday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM		26 Lunch: Chicken Salad  Dinner: Baked Ham	27 Lunch: Steak ‘n’ Cheese Sub  Rib Nite	28 Lunch: Shrimp Salad  Dinner: Seafood Platter	29  London Broil



# Council Considers Greenbelt HGTV “Takeover” Nomination

by Gary Childs

At its January 27 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council discussed the possibility of nominating Greenbelt to be featured in an episode of the HGTV (Home and Garden TV) program, Home Town Takeover.

Mayor Colin Byrd requested that this item be added to the agenda and was a strong supporter of the idea throughout the discussion.

The original motion being considered by council would have directed staff to produce and submit a video nomination for Greenbelt for the new show. The deadline for submitting the application is February 7.

According to the application form, available on the Home Town Takeover website ([hgtvhometowntakeover.com/](http://hgtvhometowntakeover.com/)), there are three criteria the town must meet. The town must have:

- A population of less than 40,000
- Homes with great architecture longing to be revealed
- A Main street in need of improvement.

Furthermore, the application should include either photos or (preferably) a video, showcasing:

- A place or places that may need a makeover

- A tour of the community showing both places that may need making over and the people who love the town
- Anywhere else in town that needs remodeling and why it’s beloved.

Although there are several possible areas in Greenbelt that need renovation, Byrd focused on Roosevelt Center. Franklin Park was also suggested as an area needing a facelift, but councilmembers reminded the group that it was privately owned property.

While councilmembers expressed their desire to be supportive of the idea, they found many reasons to hesitate lending their support. For example, Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked, “What part of the Roosevelt Center needs to be upgraded?”

Byrd responded that “lots of people, such as those discussing it on social media, see the need for refurbishing Roosevelt Center.”

Several councilmembers in theory liked the idea of receiving free refurbishment of some part of city property but felt stymied by the short timeframe for the deadline to submit the application. A further complication, several pointed out, would be the

long and likely involved process to get the permits to do work on a historically designated area such as Roosevelt Center.

City Manager Nicole Ard expressed concern about how much time city staff would have to prepare the application, including a video. Some councilmembers suggested using existing video. Councilmember Leta Mach suggested asking if GATe could help with the project. Councilmember Rodney Roberts made the point that while something like this could be a beneficial thing for Greenbelt, such a project would require more forethought.

Byrd pointed out that he thought many Greenbelters would submit applications on their own for Greenbelt to be a part of Home Town Takeover. With this in mind, and recognizing that the council would likely not vote to submit an application on behalf of the city, Byrd finally proposed new language for a statement the council could vote on. Without committing city resources to a specific application, the vote passed to support “any appropriate application to nominate Greenbelt for the HGTV show, Home Town Takeover.”

## Museum Reopens Sunday

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING YOUNG

The Greenbelt Museum reopens just in time to decorate for Valentine's Day.

This Sunday, February 2, the Greenbelt Museum will resume its regular Sunday hours of 1 to 5 p.m. A visit should include a tour of the historic house and a look at the new and improved gift shop. The shop was transformed by Friends of the Greenbelt Museum board members and volunteers, led by board secretary Stephen Oetken, and includes new books by Greenbelt authors. Fees are the same as in 2019; members are admitted free. See the website at [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org) for more information about visiting, booking a walking tour, membership or volunteering.

**February Events**

Come see the pop-up exhibit Be Our Valentine, a Lighthearted Look at Love in the 1930s and 1940s. Peruse vintage valentines, decorations, funny ads, romantic

advice books, magazines and more. On display through February, free with admission.

On Saturday, February 22, at the Community Center, Room 201, there will be a panel discussion, Desegregating Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History Month Committee and the Greenbelt Museum. Greenbelt began as a segregated community and remained so for several decades. Built by both African American and white workers, only white families could be early residents. Some of Greenbelt’s first residents of color will speak about their experiences. More information to come on the museum website. Free.

*Sheila Maffay-Tuthill is the education and volunteer coordinator of the Greenbelt Museum.*

## City Notes

Animal Control found a stray dog and took it home. A live raccoon was relocated. The shelter now houses one cat only, since the resident gecko (health restored) is in a foster home. The Animal Shelter plans a fundraiser for Valentine’s Day.

Code Enforcement’s Construction Sediment Erosion Control made a site visit to Greenbelt Elementary School.

Horticulture did lots of pruning: the crape myrtles by the Community Center, winterberry bushes by Roosevelt Center, Youth Center and Roosevelt Center beds and trees on Craddock Road.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.61 tons of refuse and 13.53 tons of recyclable material. Sustainability/Environmental led 69 volunteers for the MLK day of service, trained Time Bank members and conducted the quarterly Electronics Recycling Event.

Mom’s Morning Out preschoolers learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., and learned numbers during a treasure hunt at the Youth Center.

The Community Center Commercial Kitchen welcomes inquiries: 492 have come in since April 2015, and currently five food operations have permits to rent the Kitchen.

The Winter Youth Musical is in production, with winter arts classes ongoing and preparations underway for spring classes and summer camps.

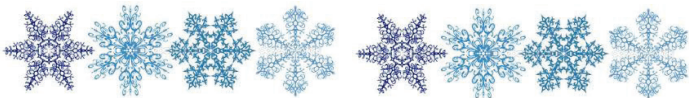
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## Moms Demand Action



PHOTO BY CINDY NELL

Volunteers of the Prince George's County chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America testify in Annapolis at the Committee Hearing in Support of HB4, which would close the loophole in background check law. HB4 would require background checks for long guns - rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic long guns. Front row, from left: Nicole Jalloh and Kay Miller. Back row, from left: Elisabeth Kevorkian (Greenbelt resident), Kathie Flamm, Joani Horchler and Cindy Nell.





PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**

**GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – starts at 7.00 p.m.**


- Approve Motion to hold a GHI Executive Session Meeting on February 6, 2020

**B. GHI Executive Session starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of Informal Complaint Hearing held on November 14, 2019
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on January 2, 2020
- Consider Approval of the following Contracts/Expenditures:
  - Contract for Repairs to Two GHI Units Arising from a Water Leak - Revised Allowance Request - second reading
  - Contract re: Domestic Plumbing Pipe Evaluation for Frame and Masonry Homes– first reading
  - Request from a Contractor re: Price Increases for Installing 2020 HIP Components
- Request by a Prospective Member for an Exception to GHI’s Membership Selection Criteria Policy
- Member Financial Matters
- Member Complaint Matters

**C. GHI Open Session – starts at 7.45 p.m.**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on January 16, 2020
- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on February 6, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on January 2, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on January 2, 2020
- Member Request that GHI Update its Policies and Documents to be More Compatible with Anti-Discrimination Laws
- Request from the Greenbelt Maker Space Coop to Use a Rental Garage as a Tool Lending Library
- Companion Animal Committee's Revised Guide for Members with Companion Animals
- Member Comments re: Proposed Catch-up Fee Upon Enrollment of an Addition on the Addition Maintenance Program
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My Perspective

# March for Life 2020

by Mary Wade



Marchers gather in Washington, D.C. on January 24 for the March for Life.

My husband and I have been attending the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. since the 1980s. This year seemed different. I wouldn't say that it was the weather, although it was the warmest and driest march that I can remember. I wouldn't even say that it was because the president had announced two days before that he would be there, in person – the first president in the history of the march to do so.

There were tens of thousands of people on the Mall, from all over the country. It was a very diverse crowd, though largely Catholic. I saw signs from groups representing other Christian denominations, as well as feminist and secular groups. There were quite a few teens and young adults, but also families with young children, older adults (such as myself) and people with disabilities. They came praying, singing, dancing and moving in a courteous and purposeful manner.

Perhaps this year seemed different to me because I had been asked to take photos, so my attention was on the signs, the groups and the general feel of the event. As I held my camera toward a person or group, they took the time to smile, and I would ask where they were from. It was a way to connect with these otherwise strangers who shared a common purpose with me. How fun it was to come upon a Greenbelt neighbor, Amy Ambrose, marching with her family.

I was also aware that the signs people carried seemed more creative this year and many were handmade. One young woman, Kristen Hinkson from Michigan, was walking alone carrying the sign that she hand-painted on canvas. "It seems to me as clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime - Gandhi." A group



Greenbelter Stephen Wade

of high school girls from Atlanta had each made her own poster. Some of the messages were: "Everyone who is for abortion has already been born."; and, "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart" - Winnie-the-Pooh. Then, there was the large group of people of all ages who carried a sign quoting a Dr. Seuss book: "A person is a person no matter how small." and all were wearing Dr. Seuss Cat-in-the-Hat paper hats.

It was the first time I was really aware of the diversity of faiths and even secular groups who were marching. But the group that really caught my attention was an exceptionally large group from Baton Rouge. They were a group of youth, religious workers (clergy, monks, nuns) and some families who were on pilgrimage. We all enjoyed the music they played and the dances

they performed. Then we heard from a father who was carrying his young daughter, Evie. Evie was born with Down syndrome and she needed an organ transplant to live. She was denied the transplant because of her disability. Her parents advocated for a law that would make it illegal to deny a child proper health care because they had a disability. The Louisiana law was passed in 2019 and is known as Evie's Law.

The march did not actually begin until about 1:40 p.m. We made it to the Supreme Court by about 2:50 p.m. and then began our trip home, feeling drained of energy yet full of hope in the strength of the community that we met this year.



Greenbelters Kyle, Winnie and Amy Ambrose attend the march.



Tens of thousands of people attend the march, from all over the country.

- Photos by Mary Wade

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### Greenbelt Co-op Announces Expanded Store Hours

Beginning on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will be expanding its hours of operation. On Sundays, the store will open at 9 a.m. as usual, but will remain open an extra hour, until 7 p.m. Starting on Monday, February 3, the store will open earlier, at 7 a.m., and close at 9

p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. For early risers, free coffee will be available from 7 to 9 a.m. These new hours of operation are for the supermarket side of the Co-op. The pharmacy hours will remain the same: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., closed on Sunday.

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professional workforce. Carroll noted that the vision, begun in 2015 and still in effect today, is focused on revitalizing the classic National Park Service (NPS) outdoor experience. Over the last two years, use of Greenbelt Park has increased which he attributed to a greater awareness of its campground, bolstered now by the ability to reserve campsites online.

The park closed last July to address infrastructure needs. This included repaving all roads, building a new bridge across Still Creek, improving comfort stations and upgrading campsites by adding grills and tables accessible to people with disabilities. Future upgrades will be done to the electrical structure and all information technology and internet services. Park trails have remained open during the various construction activities.

The park should fully reopen in late spring. Visitors will soon be able to participate in campfire programs and Park RX, which offers a doctor-prescribed outdoor therapy, among other programs.

Safety is being maintained through regular clearing of dead trees and vegetation to reduce the risk of fire and public exposure to ticks. Carroll assured council that the health of the park is good, with the major threat coming from deer that browse heavily on the native vegetation, one of the effects being the rise in invasive species, something that is being monitored closely.

Carroll asserted the continuing vision for the Parkway is to ensure an aesthetic thoroughway to the nation's capital for visitors, commuters and employees. Striping and pothole repair is a priority along with pavement preservation affected by seasonal effects, with "the worst under control," said Carroll.

The proposed maglev train, set to run between Baltimore and Washington, was a major point of discussion. The most recent alignment impinges more heavily on the Parkway. While much of the track would be below ground, this encroachment could seriously impact the environment and the condition of the roadway. NPS and other federal agencies that own or manage land along the maglev route (U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) are offering input in order to stave off any serious future repercussions in a process that continues to consternate and concern local communities. The project environmental impact study, expected to be released sometime this year, should address many of the questions being raised.

Mayor Colin Byrd stated strongly that the City of Greenbelt is opposed to the maglev, saying it would be bad for quality of life, federal taxpayers, federal agencies, the environment and public health. At a \$15 billion cost, he said "this train is all pain and no gain for Greenbelt," qualifying its boons as a "fairy tale." The construction process alone would lead to significant transportation problems.

Council appreciated Carroll's candor on this issue. NPS is in a consulting position only, trying to continue to raise questions in order to achieve the best result for all.

Carroll concluded his presentation by citing that Greenbelt Park is now eligible to be included in the National Register of Historic Places. He looks forward to coordinating with the city in order to make the park a desirable destination for the entire region.

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new age saying goes, "Pay it forward." He would ask, I am sure, that we look out for Kristina and for Kadin, Sameera and Layla and do for them what he would have instinctively done for our children. We can further remember him by denying a place for discrimination and meanness in our own lives. Greenbelt's City Pledge provides guidance.

Billy most assuredly lived by its principles. I was greatly encouraged by the outpouring of love and respect from all sectors of the city displayed at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, as reported in this paper. We were out of town and could not attend.

Billy was all that any of us could aspire to be as a person. Not otherwise famous or wealthy, his cup overflowed with goodness. He was an example for us all. My heart goes out to his family. God is Love. Greenbelt is Great.

Rick Ransom

### Disappointed

Two weeks ago, I was surprised to see a yard sign missing from in front of my house. A quick scan of the area located it nearby at the edge of a neighbor's yard. No worries – I relocated it back to its home on my property. This past week the same sign was again missing, but this time it is nowhere in sight. I am disappointed because on the first

occasion it was pulled apart and wedged into a thorny bush – not uprooted and blown away. Okay – so someone disagreed with the message, and this was their unhappy way of communicating a differing point of view. Now it appears someone has gone the extra step to remove my opinion, posted on private property, from the public eye. I love the Greenbelt community and constantly extol its virtues to my unfortunate friends and coworkers who live elsewhere in the DMV. I am disappointed that someone has taken it upon themselves to suppress free speech here. We live in a community where I hope we all will continue to support free expression. I have no idea if these actions were taken by a member of this community or an outsider representing corporate interests – ultimately that does not matter. What does matter is protecting our right of free expression. Actions like this only engender bitterness and hardening of opinions – not engagement, understanding or respect. Regardless of the message, we owe it to each other to maintain and defend our civil society. More engagement and communication are eminently preferred over suppressing speech with which we disagree. That is called fascism and has no place in our country – much less in this community and home I love.

John Francis

### A City Compost Program, Maybe?

I just read in the Hyattsville Life & Times that the City of Hyattsville will offer to residential addresses a food scrap compost pickup program in 2020. The compost, picked up weekly, is then taken to the County Organics Composting Facility in Upper Marlboro and turned into Leafgro and sold. So I am wondering why Greenbelt has not currently implemented a similar program? I realize this would be one more task and would require extra city resources but perhaps there are other ways such as inviting a private company such as The Compost Crew of Bethesda to work within our city or maybe residents can drop off compost at Public Works or at the Northway mulch site and the city could then take one truck load to the composting site? I realize that there are city residents who currently compost their food scraps (yay!) and I don't need to go into details on why we need to compost (think nutrients added back into the soil, better water soil retention, the conserving of landfill space, reduction of greenhouse gases, etc.). So let's encourage Public Works and our city council to enact a pilot program and see if we can keep up with our neighbors.

Joe Robbins

### A Decade in Recreation



The Community Center display case, set up by LaToya Fisher, takes on a whole decade of recreational activities, including sports, camps and arts activities for all ages.

### LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts associated with the demolition of 22 buildings at the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) located in Beltsville, Prince George's County, Maryland. This notice announces the availability of the EA for public review and comment.

The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and describes the proposed action, alternative action, and the no action alternative. Under the proposed action alternative, the Secretary would approve the demolition and removal of these buildings followed by the return of the sites to pre-construction conditions, where feasible. This will support the potential redevelopment of areas on the BARC facility making it more sustainable and supportive of new and ongoing research opportunities.

The EA is open for a 30-day public review from January 30, 2020 through February 28, 2020. A printed copy of the Environmental Assessment is available for review at the Beltsville Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library, 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. It is also available at BARC Building 003, Room 009 (The BARC CERCLA Information Repository), 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland from 9:00AM to 3:30PM, and on-line at <https://www.ars.usda.gov/northeast-area/>.

Anyone interested in commenting should submit their thoughts by February 28, 2020 to Chris Bentley, BARC Community Liaison, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Bldg. 003, Beltsville, Maryland 20705 or by email at [christopher.bentley@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.bentley@usda.gov).



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Vandalism**  
January 17, 3:45 p.m., 99 Centerway. Unknown person(s) spray-painted graffiti at the Greenbelt Skate Park.

**Assault**  
January 16, 1:28 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 45-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with First Degree Assault. The victim advised that she was walking up to her residence when she observed the suspect walking out of her apartment carrying a bag of her groceries. The victim and her boyfriend confronted the suspect, who then fled the scene. The suspect returned a short time later and attempted to again enter the victim's apartment. The suspect and boyfriend then engaged in a physical altercation, at which time the suspect produced two knives and attempted to cut the boyfriend, who then punched the suspect. The suspect ran from the scene but was located a short time later by officers and was positively identified by the victims. The suspect was transported to the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of injuries sustained during the incident. He was then released and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

January 16, 8:10 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 54-year-old Greenbelt resident

was arrested and charged with First Degree Assault after he allegedly threatened a motorist with what appeared to be a handgun during a dispute in a parking lot. The victim followed the suspect as he drove away and contacted police. The vehicle was stopped and a toy gun was located inside the vehicle. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

**Attempted Burglary**  
January 20, 1:43 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Unknown person(s) attempted to force entry into a residence by kicking in a boarded-up sliding glass door. Entry was not made.

**Theft**  
January 21, 10:45 a.m., 7600 block Ora Glen Drive. Unknown person(s) took several checks that were placed in a mailbox at the post office, with one being altered and cashed. Postal authorities were notified.

**Vehicle Crime**  
January 18, 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A gray 2003 Ford Explorer SUV, Maryland tags 7DE5452 was stolen.


January 19, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A rear tag, Maryland 3BE5850, was taken from a vehicle.

January 22, 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A 2005 Honda Civic 4-door, reported stolen to the Baltimore County Police Department was recovered at this location. No

arrests have been made.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred on four city streets. Windows were broken out or vehicles had been left unlocked among seven vehicles to gain entry. Items taken include: hand tools, an electronic diagnostic device, a laptop computer, airPods, clothing, a wallet, carry bag and jacket.

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He is charged with the stabbing death of Billy Owens Smith of Greenbelt. The investigation is continuing as additional suspects are identified.

On January 17, officers responded to the 7900 block of Mandan Road for a report of a fight in progress inside a residence. Officers discovered Smith suffering from apparent stab wounds. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

- Brogan Gerhart

**Arts Advisory Board To Meet February 4**  
The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center. Topics will include Roosevelt Center lighting, community arts mixer planning, coordinated event scheduling and the election of a member representative to the Grant Review Panel. Non-members who wish to attend are encouraged to confirm this before 5 p.m. on the meeting date by writing to [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov).

**Owl and Kestrel At Patuxent Refuge**  
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The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir participates in a choral collaboration exchange with the Hamilton-Gibson Youth Choir in Wellsboro, Penna. in 2019, with partial funding from an ACE grant. The Hamilton-Gibson Youth Choir members reside in a city with a population of fewer than 3,000 people and no diversity. They performed two concerts together, including one at Faxon Kenmar United Methodist Church in Williamsport, Penna.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan called the projects recommended for awards interesting and creative and thanked ACE for its hard work. Councilmember Judith Davis thanked the committee for its detailed deliberation.

A Wide Variety

Of the 33 proposals submitted, 22 were submitted by GES, of which 14 were approved. Four of the five proposals submitted by SHLES were also funded. The other core schools submitted either one or two proposals each, all of which ACE recommended being funded.

The proposals funded include a wide variety of projects. SHLES will receive funding for a sensory room with various lights and materials of different textures for use by special needs and other students. This sort of room is specially designed to help engage the senses of special needs students. It also acts as a space to help calm distressed students, both special needs and in general education.

Another SHLES project that will receive funding is one that will provide continuing funds for the school Garden Club which plans to develop a sensory garden. As part of the project, students in grades 3 through 5 will nurture flowers, grasses, thorny plants, herbs, vegetables and fruits to engage the five senses. ACE recognized that this after-school club teaches responsibility,

independence and develops the capacity for collaboration and respect for the environment, while beautifying the area around the school.

Other grants included funding for the Harlem Renaissance Poetic Showcase for GES. It would allow fourth grade students to learn the components of storytelling through the poetry of the Harlem Renaissance. Other GES projects included the Plant & Pottery Club supplies and material, funding of hands-on STEM materials for classroom use and math intervention resources, which act as a remedial tool to help bring struggling fourth and fifth grade students back to where they should be for their grade.

Teacher Enrichment

Some grants are for teacher education and enrichment, such as funding for two GES teachers to attend the State of Maryland Literacy Association annual conference. Other grants aim to support healthy socialization of students such as the GMS PTA program called Middle School Talks. This program intends to provide specific settings where the students of GMS will be able to listen to a variety of opinions and views and gain knowledge and information presented by panel guests and staff. Some of the topics to be discussed include self-esteem, bullying, mental health and college/military options.

Davis asked Gardner for more background about why ACE was recommending funding for a stage curtain at MES, since such equipment isn't a typical ACE-supported venture. The project is to purchase new stage curtains for MES to replace current curtains that are over 20 years old, look bad and are completely worn out. Gardner explained that the MES PTA had worked hard to raise almost all the funds for the curtains and the ACE award would put the project over the top. Educationally speaking, ACE suggested that the curtains would not only give a new look to the stage but also motivate performers to be enthusiastic about performing.

A complete list of projects, included in the ACE report on the 2020 Awards Program, can be found at [legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/data/file/509267/ACE\\_Grant\\_Report\\_2020-01.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/data/file/509267/ACE_Grant_Report_2020-01.pdf)

Botanic Garden Holds Free Kids Concert

On Saturday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the Natural World through Song will be presented at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Join Marsha and the Positrons, a D.C. kids/indie rock band, for a free musical morning. Their original songs about science and how the world works are entertaining for both kids and adults.



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An ACE grant last year helps fund tools and supplies to reconstruct the Victory Garden at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.




PHOTO COURTESY SHLES

Springhill Lake Elementary School students plant rose bushes and hydrangeas during the Earth Day Celebration in 2019, with funding from an ACE grant.



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Proud students pose in front of a newly-planted garden.



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time.

The 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote in America was also recognized, and another proclamation was presented to Old Greenbelt Theatre Executive Director Caitlin McGrath in honor of the theater’s being named by the Washington City Paper as the best nonprofit movie theater in Maryland in 2019.

Administrative Reports

Many residents have noticed and enjoyed the attractive plantings at the Barber & Stylist business located at 151-A Centerway. Anwar Saleh, the barber with the green thumb, has asked if another location could be found for the adjacent trash dumpster at the corner. Others have also observed that while most dumpsters are somewhat discreetly hidden, that one marks an entry point to part of the center and is visible from Crescent Road. Assistant City Manager David Moran said staff members are looking for another location but so far have not found any place that wouldn’t be just as problematic.

On September 25 council held a worksession with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board to discuss a number of revisions recommended by the board to the legislation governing the Forest Preserve. A public hearing was subsequently held on December 9. At tonight’s meeting two ordinances were introduced by Davis for first reading. The draft ordinances will be introduced for second reading and discussion at the January 27 council meeting.

2020 Bond Initiative

The city’s 2020 Legislative Program includes submission of a bond initiative for recreation amenities at Greenbelt Station.

Black History Month

Celebrate Toni Morrison Tuesday

Happy Birthday, Toni, Celebrating a Literary Legend will take place on Tuesday, February 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ridgeley Rosenwald School at 8507 Central Avenue in Capitol Heights.

On the eve of what would have been her 89th birthday, the M-NCPPC Black History Program is celebrating the life and legacy of famed novelist Toni Morrison, who died in 2019. The free program will include a screening of the newest documentary on Morrison’s life, a special creative writing activity and, of course, birthday cake.

Call 240-264-3415 or TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

Mixed Race Forum at UMD

The 2019-2020 ACTnow forum series will present Ahamefule J. Oluo: On Being Mixed Race on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. This event will occur in the Atrium at Adele H. Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The speakers will be Ahamefule J. Oluo, Ijeoma Oluo and Carlton Green of the UMD Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Ahamefule Oluo is an award-winning musician, composer, writer and stand-up comic. His sister, Ijeoma, is a New York Times bestselling author and acclaimed public speaker. This program is free.

Moran said it was time for the city to identify a specific project and matching funds in order to proceed with the request. He said the staff recommendation was that funding be requested to support the hiker/biker trail to the Greenbelt Metro Station. This project is already planned and is estimated to cost \$2.1 million. The city has more than \$1.8 million allocated for it, including a \$75,000 State bond initiative obtained in 2018. Moran proposed seeking an additional \$250,000 bond initiative to cover the shortfall.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed concern about what might happen if the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) never gives the city permission to use the land. City Solicitor Todd Pounds had recently been in communication with WMATA and had determined they wanted only minor adjustments to the city’s plan. Following further discussion, council voted unanimously to approve the proposed project for the bond initiative request for Greenbelt Station.

Federal Legislation

Davis had requested that the council offer support for three pieces of federal legislation under consideration in Congress. Councilmembers agreed unanimously to support the following bills:

The Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3), which has passed in the House, would establish programs and requirements related to prescription drugs. It would also require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to negotiate prices for certain drugs.

The Monarch and Pollinator Highway Act (S. 2918) would establish a federal grant program for projects that benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way: e.g., the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers. Although Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned the wisdom of enticing pollinators to roadsides, he supported legislation with the rest of council.

The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act (S. 2543) has passed the Senate Finance Committee and is intended to lower prescription drug prices in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as to improve transparency related to pharmaceutical prices and transactions.

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Alpha Draconis Eclipses

Star gazers have long known that Alpha Draconis, part of the constellation Draco, is a double star. About 4,700 years ago, in ancient Egypt, Alpha Draconis was Earth’s North Star, the star closest to the North Pole. Now, because of Earth’s wobble in its rotation, Polaris is the North Star; however, Alpha Draconis remains a well-known, well-studied star. So it was a great surprise that researchers found something so fundamentally new.

“The first question that comes to mind is ‘how did we miss this?’” said Angela Kochoska, a postdoctoral researcher at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. She presented the findings at the 235th meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Honolulu on January 6. “The eclipses are brief, lasting only six hours, so ground-based observations can easily miss them. And because the star is so bright, it would have quickly saturated detectors on NASA’s Kepler observatory, which would also mask the eclipses.”

An Earth-sized World

The team also found an earth-sized world where conditions might be right to allow liquid water on the planet’s surface.

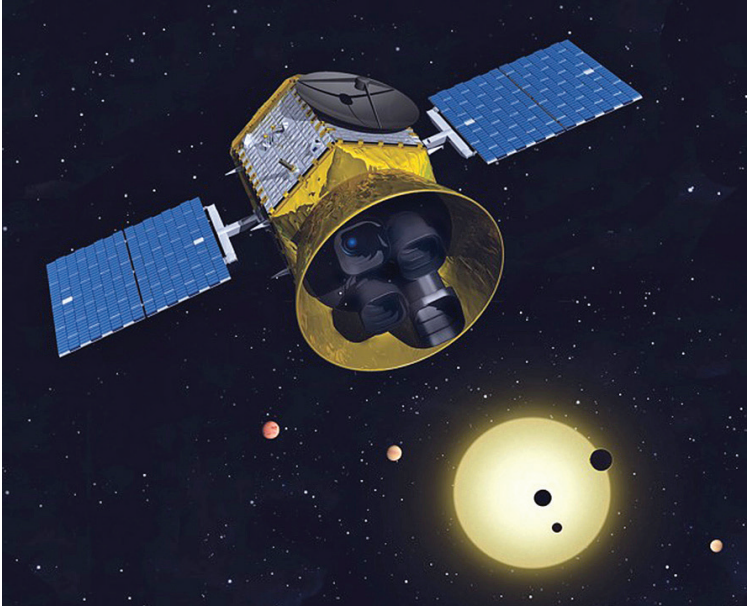
The planet is orbiting TOI 700, a small dwarf star located in the southern constellation Dorado. The star is about 40 percent of the size of our Sun and about half of its temperature. Originally the TESS database showed TOI 700 the same size as the Sun, but scientists recently corrected the mistake.

“When we corrected the star’s parameters, the sizes of its planets dropped, and we realized the outermost one was about the size of Earth and in the habitable zone,” said Emily Gilbert, a graduate student at the University of Chicago who was one of the presenters of the discovery.

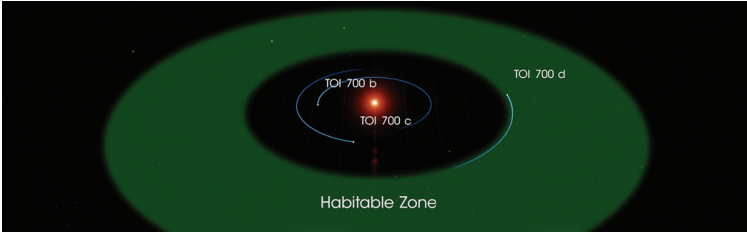
College Park Arts Hosts Free Art Workshop

A story collage workshop will take place on Saturday, February 1 at the College Park Community Library, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue from 10:15 a.m. until noon.

College Park Arts Exchange hosts this fun, free narrative and visual art program featuring Raquel Keller.



This is a conceptual image of the TESS mission



TOI 700 solar system

This work is in addition to the comet 46P/Wirtanen study done by University of Maryland scientists presented last year. Their dynamic image shows the comet’s explosive emission of dust, ice and gases during its close approach to Earth in 2018.

All of these discoveries are possible because TESS monitors large swaths of the sky for 27 days at a time. This long view allows the satellite to record changes in stellar brightness, which means researchers see tiny planets orbiting the stars, eclipses and other pieces. And it means researchers have a lot of data to dig into.

After grabbing so much attention in the scientific world, the

satellite received more accolades in the general press. The magazine Popular Mechanics named TESS as one of the top 20 machines of the decade.

The research pace is a lot to live up to, but Boyd, who studies exoplanets and binary stars herself, said the best of TESS is yet to come. “[I’m] looking forward to the 2020s, when we will take the next steps,” said Boyd. “We are exiting this decade in a much stronger position and we know how to take the next steps to imaging a ‘pale blue dot’ around another star in the future. Imagine the articles that we will write, and the missions we’ll be looking forward to launching, 10 years from today.”

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Sports

ERHS Student Athlete to Race In Iceland International Games

by Brogan Gerhart



PHOTO COURTESY OF PGCPs

Laurenz Colbert, second from left, competes locally before heading to Iceland.

Laurenz Colbert, a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), will compete in a one-day indoor multi-nation track and field meet in Iceland on February 2 as a member of Team NSAF, a group of 12 student-athletes created and hosted by the National Scholastic Athletics Foundation (NSAF). The competition will be in Iceland’s capital city of Reykjavik on the final day of the 2020 Reykjavik International Games.

The first Reykjavik International Games were held in 2008 as a way to attract strong foreign competitors to compete with Icelandic athletes, according to the games’ website. This year, Colbert will be one of the approximately 600 foreign visitors. Colbert will compete in the

60-meter dash and participate in the 4x200-meter relay along with three other members of Team NSAF.

One of Colbert’s most recent personal achievements, according to NSAF’s website, is placing second at the Prince George’s Holiday Invitational in 2019, where he set his personal record of finishing the 60-meter dash in 6.91 seconds.

Team NSAF will be coached and chaperoned by several NSAF staff members, and will be leaving for Iceland on January 31. Students are scheduled to return on February 3.

Brogan Gerhart is a University of Maryland journalism student reporting for the News Review.

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# Small Square Tiles of Bright Colors Pave Garden Pathways

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

A garden mosaic project is underway at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Art teacher Zsolt Nagy is heading the project. At the start he gave a lively lecture on the history of mosaic, comparing modern day pixels to the square ceramic tiles. He then directed fifth graders to design their own nature-themed compositions.

Using chalk, small groups blocked out their ideas onto cement pavers. Since then, the students have been carefully attaching colorful tiles during regular art classes. Parent volunteers help mix the cement and clean up. In the next few months, the mosaics will be ready for grouting and then installation in the spring.

Two years ago, a large mosaic mural was installed on the front of the school as part of an arts integration project, celebrating pollinators and the school's butterfly garden. The new pavers will complement this theme and create colorful pathways near the entrance of the school.

This project is funded by a grant from the Advisory Committee on Education and the Family Art Fund, which is a partnership between the PTA and Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts.



Zsolt Nagy, art teacher, sorts through mosaic tiles with a student during class.



Beneath a golden sun, blue tiles begin a stream of water.



Rowan Kelly, left, and Cecilia Hass discuss what color to use for the background.

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